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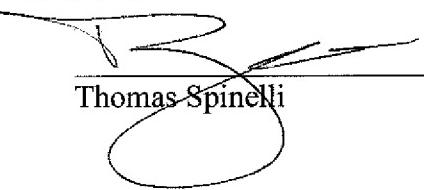
Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action dated October 15, 2007, Applicants have filed a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) herewith along with the present Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Applicants respectfully request that, prior to continued examination, the above-identified application be amended as follows:

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